

## GENERAL POWER OF ATTORNEY

On behalf of Maxtor Corporation, a Delaware corporation having a principal place of business at 2452 Clover Basin Drive, Longmont, Colorado 80503 I, William O. Sweeney, V.P., Associate General Counsel of Maxtor Corporation, hereby appoint:

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